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## TREE-mendous party



Echo staff photos by Ellis G. Cuevas and Geoff Belcher

The Hancock County Library System entertained hundreds both Tuesday at the Kiln Community Tree Lighting, above, and Sunday at the Bay St. Louis branch's annual Library Tree Gala, below.

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## Is another war brewing on Hancock's beachfront?

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Should Hancock County supervisors brace themselves for another "Battle of the Beach?"

That was the question on the minds of at least two supervisors after a flyer began circulating downtown. Some were given to residents living along Beach Boulevard. Others were placed on windshields of vehicles parked in the downtown shopping area.

The flyer addressed to

"Beachfront Residents" warns: "There are some politicians who want to take some of your property. We must prevent that."

The circular informed residents it was the organizers' intention to form a new organization known as the Bay-Waveland Beachfront Association. It added: That organization, together with some remaining members of the Bay-Waveland Beachfront Improvement Association, are



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher  
A Joe's Bayou home owned by Clyde Koerner Sr. was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Volunteers from the East Hancock Fire Department responded, but were unable to save the home.

## Night-time fire destroys bayou home

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Volunteers from East Hancock Fire Department were unable to save a house burning at Joe's Bayou Sunday, but kept the flames from endangering another house next door.

County Fire Marshall Richard Pate said the fire at 1780-A Koerner, off Blue Meadow Road, was reported

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## Sea-Worthy Cause

Deborah and Terry Richter of Waveland were the winners of a kayak in the Arthritis Foundation drawing held at Da Beach House on Sunday. Proceeds from the drawing will go to further arthritis research. Owners Colleen and Todd Reed donated the kayak. From left to right are: Gulf Coast Branch Director Phyllis Goodear, Todd Reed, Deborah Richter and Terry Richter.

## Supers endorse \$1 surcharge on campers

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has endorsed plans to levy a \$1 surcharge on all persons staying at campsites and RV parks in Hancock County.

The charge, proposed more than a year ago by the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, first met resistance because it was uncertain the surcharge could be levied against those using Buccaneer State Park, one of the most visited in the state.

But on Monday, supervisors received a letter from Tourism Bureau Executive Director Beth Carriere.

In the letter, Carriere said, "I am pleased to notify you that Sen. Scottie Cuevas reported Buccaneer State Park and McLeod Park can be included in amended legislation..."

Carriere added, "This funding source will most certainly have the smallest impact on local residents' pocketbooks, as well as your budget, and will provide additional monies needed to promote the county's facilities with primarily out-of-county dollars."

The 2002 legislative session begins in less than two months, and supervisors voted to send a resolution to the local legislative delegation asking them to sponsor a local and private bill that will allow the county to levy and collect the \$1 surcharge.

Before voting, District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour said he wanted to make it perfectly clear he would oppose the surcharge if somewhere through the legislative process those using Buccaneer Park were exempted from the surcharge.

Carriere said there are about 746 campsites and RV sites in Hancock County. She said if the campsites maintain a year-round occupancy of just 50 percent, the \$1 surcharge would give the tourist Bureau an extra \$136,145 a year.

"This surcharge will have the least effect on our own residents who use the park, and we'll see the benefits immediately," said Carriere.

She said the additional funds will be used by the Tourism Bureau to advertise RV and campsites in national publications.

tions "where we were unable to advertise before."

More campers coming into Hancock County will also result in more spending at groceries, restaurants and other businesses in the area, and the additional spending will generate more sales taxes, she said.

Supervisors handled a number of issues Monday during their December monthly meeting.

• Michael Haas Sr. reported work is 90 percent complete to add 500 more customers to the Kiln Water and Fire District, bringing to 1,350 the number of residents served by the system.

Haas said the District is also seeking funding to install a sewerage system in two construction phases.

Haas said the district has plans to build a small office building and add another person to its one-person staff.

At the District's request, Supervisors approved the reappointment of C.J. Maufrey, who has been serving as chairman and Glenn Stockstill. The new terms are for five years.

• Supervisors heard a progress report from Chris LeGarde, an aide to U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, who is also working with the non-profit Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks Inc., to use concrete rubble to expand fishing reefs in the area.

The rip-rap will come from the rubble available once old bridges over Interstate 10 spanning the Jourdan River are torn down.

Taylor has already proposed using some of the concrete to create an artificial reef 24-foot wide, 780-feet long in an area of the Mississippi Sound known as

Square Handkerchief Shoal, two miles off Henderson Point.

LaGarde convinced supervisors to seek input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state Department of Marine Resources and other agencies on whether it would be feasible to also use some of the rip-rap to create fishing reefs on both sides of the channel coming into Bayou Caddy.

Supervisors also authorized Circuit Court Clerk and county voter registrar Pam Metzler to go forward and get prices on what it would cost to purchase new electric scanners to count punch card ballots now used in Hancock County and city elections.

Metzler said the new machines can count as many as 1,000 votes a minute, and it would cut down on the time for getting total election results.

She said she hoped federal funds might be available for the scanners, but Rep. (Gene) Taylor told her he did not expect the money to be available any time in the near future.

• Supervisors took a brief break to greet wheelchair-bound John D. (Big John) Rutherford in the lobby of the historic County Courthouse.

There, District 5 Supervisor Jay Cuevas presented Rutherford with a proclamation commending him for his long-time service to Hancock Medical Center, dating back to 1963 when it was known as Hancock General Hospital.

Rutherford was also recognized for his 58 years of active service in the American Legion and his countless hours of volunteer service to his community.

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The Coast Chorale's annual Christmas program will be this Sunday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian. The public is invited.

For more information, call Ed Young at 466-4848.

## Judge

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according to a statement.

Randall said changing his judicial status to part time will allow him to spend more time with his family while serving as special chancellor.

Randall and two other Chancery Court judges in District 8, made up of Hancock, Harrison and Stone counties, are being investigated by the state auditor and attorney general.

In October, The Sun Herald newspaper reported that investigators had inspected travel and expense records for Randall and Chancery Judges Tom Teel and Wes Teel, who are brothers.

The records reportedly showed the judges' mileage claims did not correspond with their court schedules.

With Randall's retirement, Gov. Ronnie Musgrove may have two replacements to fill on the court. Tom Teel's lawyer, Joe Sam Owen, said last week Tom Teel "probably is going to resign" from his position.

Randall was appointed to the court in December 1991 to fill a vacancy created by the death of Judge J.S. "Johnny" Morris.

Randall won the seat in a special election the following year, then was re-elected in 1994 and in 1998.

## Fire

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sometime after Sunday's New Orleans Saints game, but the blaze was well underway when volunteer firemen arrived.

One eyewitness who wanted to remain anonymous said firemen pumped water from the bayou to help extinguish the blaze. "It was pitiful," she said. "Sometimes they were just blowing out mud."

The house, which was in stilts, lies in the unincorporated areas of Hancock County and there are no fire plugs in that section known as Jourdan River Isles.

The home is owned by Clyde Koerner, and friends said Koerner's daughter and son lived there, but escaped injury.

Pate said volunteer firemen managed to keep the flames

from jumping to a house next door. "They did a good job," said Pate.

The living quarters of the raised house were completely destroyed, Pate said.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.



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# Zoning issues plague supervisors

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Controversial zoning matters continue to plague the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Fresh from a boisterous public hearing over a proposal to ban trailers in certain parts of the county, supervisors learned Monday the county Planning Commission's attorney, John Scafide did not advertise another text change regarding mobile homes when it advertised a public hearing, which about 60 people attended on Nov. 28.

Willie Gavney, the county's chief building inspector and zoning enforcement officer, told supervisors the planning commission hearing should have also taken comments on a proposal to ban mobile home parks in areas of the county zoned "R-2A Medium Density Residential" areas. Under the present law, they are allowed as a conditional use in those areas of the county, which requires a public hearing, commission approval and concurrence by the board of supervisors.

The proposed amendment would also allow trailer parks by right (without a hearing) in areas zoned "C-2 Highway Commercial," but require a public hearing if they want to locate in areas zoned "R-3 Multi-Family Residential" or "C-1 Neighborhood Commercial."

Gavney said he was already getting requests for more trailer parks in the areas, and in order to stop a potential flood of new applications, supervisors slapped a 90-day moratorium

on accepting additional requests.

The board ordered the planning commission to schedule another public hearing, which involves hiring a court reporter at about \$50 an hour, who later also charged for a typed transcript should the issue be appealed to circuit court.

The hearing on Nov. 28 was actually the second time the planning commission solicited public comment on plans to ban manufactured homes altogether in areas zoned "R-2 Medium Density Residential" areas. The ban would apply to Bayside Park, Shoreline Park, Clermont Harbor, Heron Bay and a few other pocket areas of Hancock County.

About 120 residents turned out at the initial public hearing in September, with most supporting the ban, and the planning commission unanimously adopted the text change, and sent their recommendations on to the board of supervisors, which also approved it.

However, at a subsequent meeting, supervisors were advised by board attorney Gerald Gex to rescind their vote and send the matter back to the planning commission, instructing that board to schedule another public hearing on the trailer ban. Gex said he based his decision on the fact the initial hearing was flawed. He said there was only a tape recording made of the proceedings, and there was no official court reporter at the meeting, so an official transcript could not be made available.

able to circuit court in the event an appeal is filed by one of the aggrieved parties.

At Monday's meeting, supervisors also argued over whether to penalize Tyrone Gill, who is developing an air park community near the White Cypress Community in the far north portion of Hancock County.

The 82-lot Mint Julep subdivision was proposed almost two years ago, and Gill was publicly scolded by board President Rocky Pullman last July when the board learned he had sold three adjacent lots, where the purchaser built a home and an airplane hangar without obtaining a permit.

Ronnie Argueta, the attorney hired to represent the board, later obtained a court injunction ordering Gill not to sell any more lots in the proposed subdivision until he gained preliminary site approval of his plans.

Gavney said the subdivision's request for preliminary and final approval was scheduled to come up this Thursday (today) before the planning commission. He said Gill's partner, Don O'Neal, has agreed to stipulations set out by the board that a house must be built on the lots before any aircraft hangar can be constructed. Developers have also agreed to repair any damage to county roads caused when the lots were being cleared, he said.

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had not recommended a fine.

"That doesn't set a good example for the rest of the people," said Pullman. He estimated the county probably spent in excess of \$200 sending Gavney to investigate the situation, and issuing the "cease and desist" order to prohibit any further development of the airpark.

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In another zoning issue, Coward voted against recommendations by the Planning Commission to extend for another year a "Special Use District" designation for that area south of Diamondhead where the Casino World project is proposed. The casino has all the permits necessary to build, but in the last five years developers have been taken to various courts by environmentalists and citizens groups which oppose locating a casino in the north Bay of St. Louis.

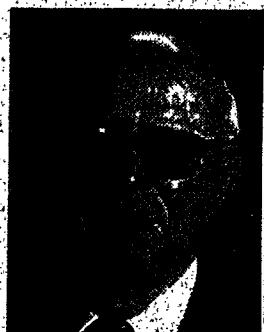
Developers are now awaiting a court-ordered Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Coward wondered out loud, "Is this extension going to go on in perpetuity?"

Four other supervisors voted to grant the extension for another year.

Customer Gary

# OPINION



## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

**C**ongratulations are in order for Bob Hubbard, who received the Hancock County Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award.

Bob, whom I have known most of my life, as I lived in his family's neighborhood and even worked for his father's lumber and hardware company for four years, is well deserving of the award.

Bob has over the years been very much involved in volunteering his time for so many projects helping others in need.

Bob still resides in his old Waveland neighborhood and continues to be involved in many community projects.

Congratulations again, Bob. I am glad the Exchange Club has honored you for your dedication to your fellowman.

The Waveland Civic Association-sponsored Christmas parade is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, December 8.

Each year this event gets larger and larger with more and more participation as the number of merchants is on the increase on Coleman Avenue.

Jay Fountain, president of the Waveland Civic Association reports there will be association floats in addition to others in the parade which begins to form at 4 p.m. by the ball park on Central Avenue in Waveland.

The parade's route is down Central to Lafitte Drive, Lafitte to Beach Boulevard, Beach to Coleman Avenue, Coleman to Central to disband.

A special Civic Association float will carry Santa through the parade, and he will exit at Waveland City Hall where he will be available to receive Christmas wishes from the children.

Several choral groups will be singing Christmas Carols at Waveland City Hall.

Christmas Card and Door Lanes will all be ready for Saturday, and the City of Waveland will once again be providing a free trolley to view those scenes.

A fireworks display on Beach Boulevard near Coleman

Avenue will be a highlight of the night.

Kathy Pinn, president of the Coleman Avenue Coalition reports area merchants will have some little extra specials for parade visitors such as cookies, punch, etc.

Among the groups participating in the parade is the Hancock High Marching Band and others.

Fountain said the Civic Association's floats will be lighted for the evening parade.

I am sure there are those out there who are going to have to stretch their dollars for clothes shopping for the holidays and even for some gifts.

As a suggestion, you may want to visit the Goodwill Store in the Bay Mall, Dunbar at Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis.

Goodwill has some very good prices and some good used clothing purchases available.

Goodwill now has its clothing sized to make it more convenient for shoppers.

There are also some gift items available. You never know what you may find, as the merchandise changes frequently at Goodwill stores.

Each year this event gets larger and larger with more and more participation as the number of merchants is on the increase on Coleman Avenue.

Santa has been receiving big welcomes this year in the area, but the most youngsters I have ever seen wanting to give him their Christmas wish lists was Tuesday night at the Kiln Library.

Santa arrived after the lighting of the large Christmas tree in front of the library with supervisors Steve Seymour and Jay Cuevas' families doing the honors. Supervisor President Rocky Pullman gave a special welcome.

Hancock High's PRCC did the flag raising, and Hancock High's chorus sang Christmas carols.

Estimates of those in attendance was from 600 to 800 folks.

Hancock County Library's staff, trustees, foundation and advisory members were well represented.

Hancock County Deputies and Kiln Volunteer Firefighters helped with traffic control.

It was good to see so many of my long-time friends at the Kiln event.

**GOVERNOR, WILL YOU RECRUIT HYUNDAI ON YOUR TRIP TO KOREA?**



## Letters to the Editor

### Don't let our safe, small town atmosphere be 'tailed'

Dear Editor:

Not too long ago, I lived in the heart of a city where you slept with an alarm system on at night (sometimes the alarm was set in the day time as well), and no matter how much you needed the exercise, you would never entertain the thought of getting up early (5:30 a.m.) to walk the beautiful setting of your neighborhood (and it was lovely).

Last night many of our concerned citizens left their dinner tables and comfy arm chairs anxious to state their views concerning the commercial rezoning of the Reed Hotel.

One of our councilmen, Doug Seal, without any discussion or even a second motion (Gee, did I miss something in Democracy class?) "tailed" the decision.

In essence, flagrantly delaying an obviously heated and urgent public concern for no visibly apparent reasoning. Certainly not for the benefit of those attending. All this much to the vehement chagrin of the gathering.

The stated motive was for the city to profit, and something about the future for his children and grandchildren. But at what cost.

Mr. Seal, the luxury of living in one of the safest and most charming places in this country, a safe, protective environment for our children; that is what is important.

And for ourselves, as we look toward future retirement and living out our days in a peaceful, lovely setting.

I am not afraid to step outside of my home, go down the street and walk on the beach. If my child is ill in the middle of the night, I am not afraid to hop in my car and go to the Wal-Mart pharmacy.

I do not look over my shoulder at strangers in town; in fact I welcome them. But I am afraid of the city council allowing a person who doesn't even live here to rezone our residential area on Beach Boulevard. Because once a piece of property is zoned commercial: there's no going back. This vital issue was "tailed" until the next city council meeting, January 7. I urge you to be present at that meeting, before our small town is "tailed" too.

If you blink, it's all over.

Sherry Webster  
Bay St. Louis and Pass

### Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.

### Why have city ordinances if they are not enforced?

To the Editor:

On November 20, 2001, a public hearing was held by the City Council of Bay St. Louis to determine if the property at 127 Felicity St. should be declared a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare due to overgrowth on the property.

However, the subject of overgrowth on properties is governed by Ordinance 382, Section III, which does not contain the word menace.

The issue here should have been to determine if the property should be declared a violation of City Ordinance 382, Section III, as I have claimed. By choosing the word menace, the city council skirted the real issue. They voted unanimously not to declare the property a menace.

The Sea Coast Echo erroneously reported that the city council voted not to declare the yard in violation of any city codes.

For months, working with

Councilman Doug Seal, I have been trying to get that yard cleaned up. The rampant profusion of growth in the front yard is an eye sore and a nuisance which diminishes the value of my property.

The growth is an "insect-factory" developed to provide food for birds. To say that the appearance of this yard is appropriate for the surrounding area is an insult to the neighborhood. We are not backwater Mississippi.

The owner has said that she is interested in returning the

property to a more natural state to attract birds and wildlife. She is doing so with impunity.

In September this year, I wrote a letter to the city council describing the ordinance violation. Later, I heard that the city council had been advised by the city attorney not to enforce the city ordinance because of anticipated litigation and bad publicity.

It appeared that litigation had been threatened. So, during the recent October meeting the council decided to hold a public hearing to determine if the property was a menace, not an ordinance violation.

The issue here should have been to determine if the property should be declared a violation of City Ordinance 382, Section III, as I have claimed.

By choosing the word

menace, the city council skirted the real issue, thereby compromising their responsibilities and authority.

They have also neglected my civil rights, and aided in reducing the value of my property by not taking appropriate action.

To paraphrase a remark made by Councilman Doug Seal during the November 20 hearing: "I would not want to live next door to a yard that looks like that."

City council members should, at their next meeting, vote to determine if the owner of the property is in violation of City Ordinance 382.

In addition, if they can't enforce a violated ordinance, then do as was suggested during the October meeting - get rid of it!

Respectfully,  
Robert D. Ketchum, Jr.  
Bay St. Louis

### Resident upset with county water and sewage policies

Dear Editor:

Is anyone else in Hancock County as fed up with the water and sewage as I am?

Number one, NOT everybody is connected that is supposed to be, and don't even receive a bill. If I recall, we were given a date that all of us who had to be

connected had done so. What a joke.

Last February 2001 my husband and I moved, meaning there is only a shed on my husband's property and that's full of my junk - no electricity even

To the Editor:

This most recent shooting murder of a 13-year-old boy has some people apparently asking many questions.

It seems that they should be

asking why this hasn't happened much sooner than now and with many other of our children.

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## Three former residents were at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

Tomorrow, December 7, marks the 60th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. This was the most severe blow to America's freedom until the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

In the December 7, 1978 issue of The Echo, I had the honor of doing a story on Bay St. Louis residents Navy Chief William (Bill) and Betty Sanders and then the December 5, 1991 issue of The Echo on Waveland resident Kenneth (Ken) McKenna, who was Chief Quarter Master on the Arizona during the Pearl Harbor attack.

Bill Sanders was an aviation machinist mate on the seaplane tender USS Curtis, and wife Betty was at home sleeping at Waikiki Beach when the Pearl Harbor attack occurred.

The USS Curtis was moored 100 yards from the runway at Ford Island, and Sanders was in the process of preflighting a OS2U, a single engine seaplane for the captain. Then the attack occurred, and orders were for everyone to go to battle stations.

Sanders said he took a crew to return the plane to its hangar when machine gun fire from a Japanese plane destroyed the aircraft, which the crane operator lifted burning from the ship's deck and dropped overboard.

Betty Sanders was awakened by the noise and heard some speech and turned on her radio telling the dependents to stay indoors and all military personnel to report to duty.

Bill Sanders recalled how he went to the boat deck after his ship's plane was destroyed and manned the speaker phones from the bridge to gun mount number two, an anti-aircraft

and surface firing gun.

The gun crew succeeded in shooting down a Japanese bomber which crashed mid-ship into the Curtis.

About 30 minutes later a bomb from a high-flying flight struck the ship about 15 feet from Sanders and he was knocked down receiving shrapnel in his left arm, face and both hands, yet he joined a fire fighting party and controlled the fires from the bomb.

Bill recovered from his wounds, and Betty remained in Hawaii until mid-January 1942, when she was shipped stateside.

The Sanders' and McKenna were good friends, and I also had the honor of knowing both for many years.

When I interviewed McKenna about his adventures ten years ago, Bill Sanders was in attendance.

The Arizona was about one and one-half miles from the USS Curtis at Pearl Harbor.

McKenna recalled how he was on the quarter deck of the Arizona waiting for a tender to go ashore for a barbecue.

He said as the first wave of planes came into sight over the horizon, someone spotted the insignia of the Rising Sun and yelled, "They are Japanese planes."

Things happened real fast and with the next three or four minutes, he recalled it as being a "mad house." The USS Curtis was the first American ship to be struck.

Lt. Commander Samuel Glen Fouqua, who won the first medal of honor during World War II, began to sound the general quarters message, and the message was never completed.

McKenna said the Arizona was strafed and took two fish (torpedoes) in the side. Next

they took the bomb that went down the stack.

The bomb screens were out of the stack and the bomb went down. There was nothing to stop it. It blew the magazine off the number two turret. The next thing I knew I was in the water," he recalled.

McKenna continued, "I was picked up out of the water and taken to the Tennessee, a ship I left four months before. I always wonder how I got my pants off, and I lost my coat that was over my arm when I was on the Arizona and everything I owned went down with the ship."

McKenna said they sent him to sick bay on the Tennessee and he protested and was left to go on the bridge where he knew his way around and everybody.

The following morning he was transferred to the Pennsylvania and they headed for San Francisco and arrived there on December 23, 1941. After his return to California, McKenna was assigned to the Naval Air Station in Algiers, Louisiana.

In May, 1942, he was a member of an armed crew on a tanker headed to Bay Town, Texas to pickup fuel, and in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Houma, La., the empty tanker was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine.

The tanker's crew, along with McKenna, were fished out of the Gulf by the U.S. Coast Guard and were lucky the tanker was empty.

From Algiers, McKenna took gun crews out on Merchant ships until December, 1944, where he spent the rest of the time as Master of Arms at Algiers until his retirement in November, 1946.

McKenna, after his retirement from the Navy was called back into service in the

Korean War and was asked again in 1950 to active duty to help write a manual. McKenna served over 22 years in the Navy.

The USS Curtis after the attack went to the Navy yard for repairs and received temporary repairs, then later went to the states in mid-January to pick up a load of planes and returned to Pearl Harbor.

During his recovery from wounds Sanders said he was given the job of escort, saying, "I drove the different commanding officers from one ship to another."

Sanders remained on the US. Curtis for five months after Pearl Harbor and then went to Guadalcanal to fly B-24's as crew chief on bombing and observation flights. He also saw action in Munda, the Treasury Island group to the Admiralty Islands and was flying from Leyte in the Philippines just prior to returning stateside after three years in the South Pacific.

When the war was over Sanders was at Corpus Christi, Texas training flight crews. During the Korean Conflict he flew out of Okinawa to Korea on bombing runs.

During the interview McKenna and Sanders recalled the horrible sights of seeing Americans dead and dying all over Pearl Harbor, many burning to death as the oil on the water, burned for over a day after the attack.

In 1957, Sanders retired with 29.5 years of service as an aviation chief machinist mate, permanent appointment. He logged a total of 11,000 official hours of flying time during his military career.

It has been a great privilege for me to have been able to have known and be told the stories of the Sanders' and McKenna and to have known them for many years.

My original story and art on the Sanders was 1.5 pages and McKenna's was one page. The three are now departed, but I still have the memory of knowing and telling just a portion of their military careers and touch on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1945.

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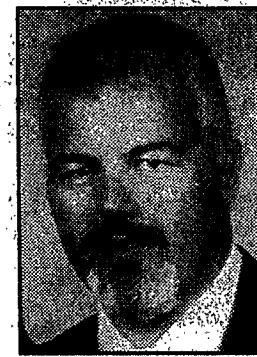
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## Resident -- Letters

hooked to the shed. The double-wide trailer we were living in was moved.

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It sure isn't enough to pay for something I'm not using.

Well, to make a long story short, they are still billing us, and I understand our names were called in court last session where they were suing us.

The only way they would stop the service if he signed a form stating should we ever build or move back on this property that we would pay \$2,700 to reconnect.

Well, who in their right mind is going to sign something like that when the system is already there.

So they told my husband it was just easier for us to pay the \$35 a month for it to just sit there.

Have you ever ridden down

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the road and seen one of the pop-off valves shoot all the human waste up in the air and flood the ditch with raw sewage?

Again, we have been to several of our public officials about this problem, and the response we get always is, we'll look into it for you, but it's the darnest thing, we never hear back from them.

Something is wrong in this county when they spend all this money for the sewage and these people make their own rules and when you approach them they have a very ugly attitude when they are suing us.

I don't need a smart someone to respond to my letter and tell me I'm wrong, because so far I haven't heard anyone say anything positive about this sewage system.

Sandy Moran  
Lakeshore

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used by anyone in the school except as a monument to past and unnamed children.

They should be in the front of the classroom to remind everyone by their stark presence. If the school has prescribed uniforms, then a uniform might be carefully folded on the seat.

One desk would be designated for "The Missing Girl," with a similar small plaque with a notation regarding the fact that this seat should have been filled by a child who should have been getting her high school diploma instead of having a baby.

Maybe if our children see these symbols of failure often enough, it will strengthen their resolve to become productive citizens of our community by going to school so that they can compete for life fulfilling jobs.

T. M. Edward  
Bay St. Louis

I have a proposal which would serve as a reminder to each child every day to think before they act.

My proposal is to set aside two desks in each grade of every school from the fourth grade through the twelfth grade.

These desks would never be

Menorahs on display at library

Hanukkah, the Jewish celebration, is the topic on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The display will be available to the public through the end of December.

Menorahs, the candelabrum that represents the eight days of the feast celebrating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after the rebellion of the Jews against the Syrians in 162 B.C., are also on display.

The Menorahs on display are courtesy of Avra O'Dwyer, Betsy Pincus, Diana and Jack Gorlin, and Lynda Cook.

Further information on the display is available by calling the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282.

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## Obituaries

**CLAIRE BUTLER**  
**ROBERT JOHNSON VI**  
**LIBBY PATRICK**  
**LEVON NELSON**  
**HENRY PERRE**  
**LOUIS STARITA**

**CLAIRE BUTLER**  
 Claire L. Butler, 72, of Long Beach, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, in Biloxi.

Mrs. Butler was born in Warwick, R.I., and had lived in Long Beach for 22 years. She was a Protestant.

Survivors include her husband, Richard D. Butler Sr. of Long Beach; three daughters, Colleen Longen of Tampa, Fla., Robin Pujol of Pass Christian and Kelly Jeffers of Virginia Beach, Va.; a son, Richard D. Butler Jr. of Long Beach; a brother, Charlie W. Sandin of Warwick; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

**ROBERT JOHNSON VI**  
 Robert, Quincy Johnson VI, 32, of Waveland, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001, in Miami, Fla.

Mr. Johnson was born in Long Beach, Calif., and was a resident of Miami for about 10 years. He was a former resident of Waveland.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his grandfathers, James E. Yancey Sr. and Robert Quincy Johnson.

Survivors include his mother, Ellen Yancey Rosen and stepfather, Maurice Rosen, both of Biloxi; his father, Robert Quincy Johnson II of Kenai, Alaska; stepmother, Paula Johnson of Porterville, Calif.; two brothers, William Hildebrand IV of Biloxi

and Andrew Johnson of California; two stepbrothers, Mitchell Rosen of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Matthew Rosen of Wilmington, N.C.; a sister, Heidi Klein of San Francisco; an aunt, Francine Yancey of Biloxi; and two grandmothers, Marie Frances Yancey of Biloxi and Juanita Johnson of Warsaw, Mo.

There will be a chapel service Saturday, Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport where friends may call one hour before service.

**LIBBY PATRICK**

Libby Hemphill Patrick, 69, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001.

A resident of Pass Christian, Mrs. Patrick was a former 21-year resident of Lake St. Louis, Mo. where she served as a Sunday School teacher at The Chapel of the Lake for 18 years. She also formerly resided in Memphis, Tenn. where she was a member of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church.

She was a graduate of Springhill High School and attended Springhill Junior College. A member of First Baptist Church in Gulfport, she had also served as pianist/organist for First Baptist Church in Pass Christian for the past five years. She was also an accomplished artist.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, John and Ruby Hemphill.

Survivors include her husband, Ellis Patrick; a son, Ellis Patrick III and grandchildren Shane and Dawn Patrick; a daughter, Lisa Patrick

and Wilkinson and grandchildren Alyssa, Sarah and Johnny Wilkinson; a stepdaughter, Lynn Patrick Myers; a sister, Mary Janelle Wilson; brothers John Otis Hemphill and Gerald Ray Hemphill; nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 7, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport, followed by services in the funeral home chapel and a short service at National Cemetery in Biloxi. The family prefers memorials to the Biblical Outreach, Gideon Internationals or to breast cancer research.

**LEVON NELSON**

Levon Alonzo Nelson, 13, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Levon was a native of Bay St. Louis and was a student at Valena C. Jones Junior High. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his father, Darrell Robinson.

Survivors include his mother, Shantel Nelson of Waveland; guardians Joel and Patricia Wilkerson, both of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Darrell Nelson of Waveland; and grandparents, Lee Wesley Jones of Picayune, Joann William of Pass Christian, Johnny Green and Brenda Green, both of Bay St. Louis.

Services will be conducted Monday at the chapel of Jacob Schoen and Son Funeral Home in New Orleans. Burial was in St. Vincent de Paul Mausoleum in New Orleans.

**LOUIS STARITA**

Louis L. Starita, 59, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, in Gulfport. Services are pending at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport.

**Services were conducted**

**Monday at the chapel of Jacob Schoen and Son Funeral Home in New Orleans. Burial was in St. Vincent de Paul Mausoleum in New Orleans.**

New Orleans, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, in New Orleans.

Mr. Perre was born in Bay St. Louis and lived in New Orleans for many years. He worked for Jones-Laughlin Sheet Metal Co. and Metal Service Co. He retired after 35 years. Mr. Perre was an Army veteran of World War I serving in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and was a member of VFW Post 3012 and the American Legion Post 203. He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Kraemer and his father August Perre Sr.; a sister, Rita Boudreaux and a brother, August Perre Jr.

Survivors include his long-time companion, Anna P. Haupt of New Orleans; and a sister, Anna Mae Strong of Bay St. Louis; a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Tourism bureau announces new officers

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau announces the 2001-2002 elected board officers.

*Elected as president - Eleanor "Petie" Hyman*

Appointed by the Mayor of Waveland, Hyman has been on the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau (HCTDB) since 1996.

A long-time resident of Waveland, Hyman and her husband are the owners of three corporations that are all directly involved in the hospitality and tourism industry.

She has been on the Waveland Election Committee for the past, six years and served as chairman for the last municipal election.

Hyman has chaired two Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage Home Tours and is the current first vice president of the Pass Christian Garden Club and is on the board of Gather Ye Rosebuds society.

*Elected as vice president - Jeana Tribble*

Appointed by the Hancock County Supervisors, Tribble has been on the board of directors of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau (HCTDB) since 1996.

Prior to the development of the HCTDB, she served as a board member of the Hancock County Tourism and Gaming Association.

Tribble is the director of Marketing for Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. She has been a resident of Hancock County and involved in county tourism for more than nine years.

*Elected as secretary-treasurer - Leo "Mickey" Jordan*

Appointed by the Hancock County Supervisors, Jordan has been on the board of directors of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau (HCTDB) since 1996.

Jordan and his wife Becky, as well as their business, Jordan and Associates Financial Services, reside in Diamondhead.

He is a past president of Diamondhead Business & Professional Association, treasurer of the Hancock County Continued Education Board and Saint William Catholic Church and has chaired the Nike Mississippi Gulf Coast Classic.



### Governor's Award

Hancock Bank vice president and corporate trust officer Susan Ismorts (left) accepts the Mississippi Association of Partners in Education (MAPE) Governor's Award from Mississippi's chief executive officer Governor Ronnie Musgrove on behalf of the company's numerous Partners in Education (PIE) volunteers.

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### Bank receives Governor's Award

Governor Ronnie Musgrove and the Mississippi Association of Partners in Education (MAPE) recently recognized Hancock Bank as one of Mississippi's top school community partners during the 17th annual MAPE conference in Jackson.

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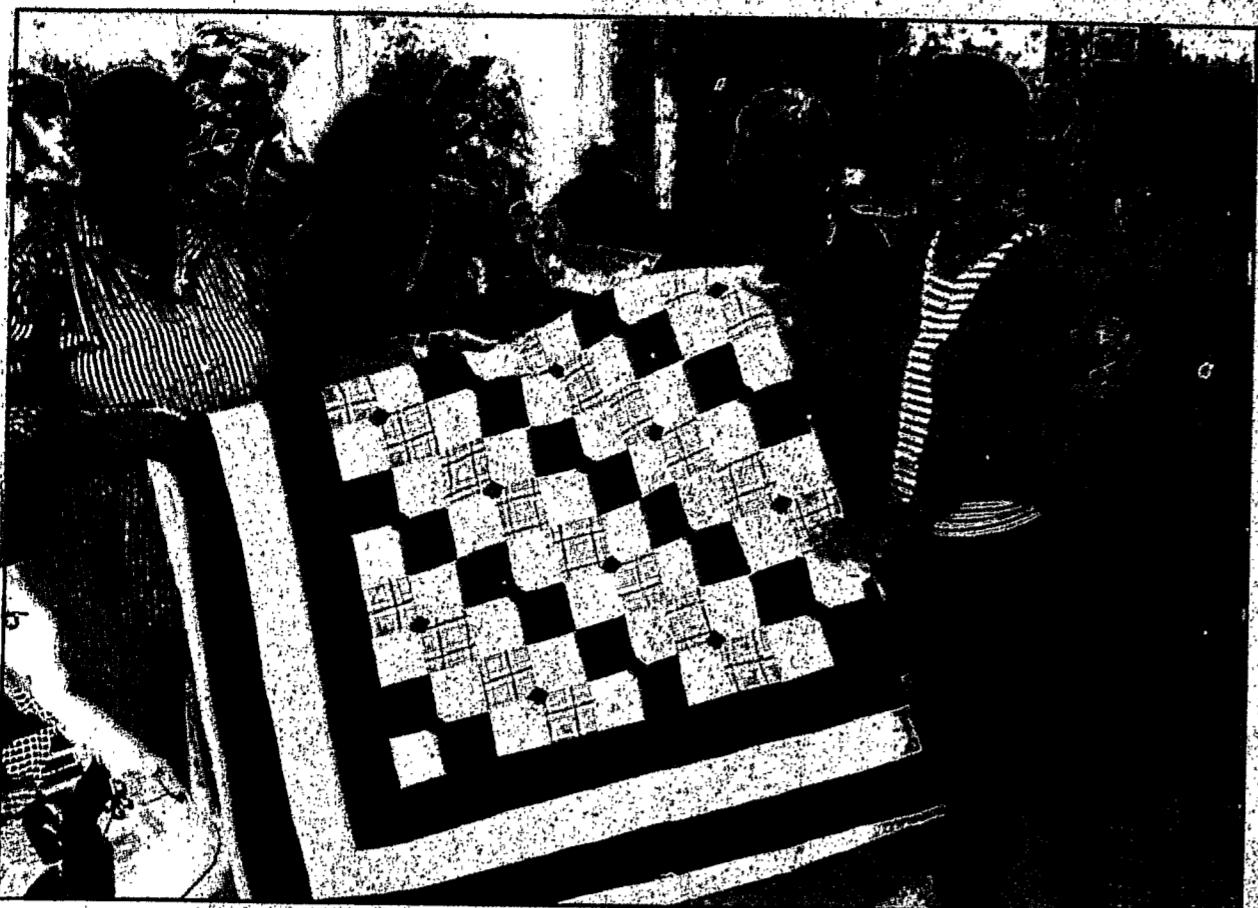
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## BLANKET COVERAGE



Some of the ladies of the Hancock County Senior Citizens Center in Bay St. Louis display the bowtie quilt donated by 'The Senior Angel,' which will be raffled along with other items to raise money for the center. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1. Call 467-9292 for details. The ladies have spent the past several weeks creating their own quilts, some of which are on display in the background.

Echo Staff Photo by Geoff Belcher

## Murder -- Levon Nelson

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crime. Boudreux was charged with murder and incarcerated at the Hancock County Justice Facility, where he remained Wednesday under a \$50,000 bond. He was scheduled to attend a preliminary hearing late yesterday in Hancock Justice Court to determine whether the case should be bound over for a grand jury.

Police will not publicly speculate on the reason for the dispute that led to Friday's shooting.

Levon's death is not the first time violence has touched his family. Nearly a decade ago, his father, Darnell Robinson, was also shot to death — also on Sycamore St.

Despite unfounded rumors that have been circulating around the neighborhood, Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil said yesterday, Robinson was not slain by Boudreux's father.

Another man, Frank McKinley, was convicted in Robinson's murder.

McKinley, McNeil said, "He's the one that escaped from jail and made America's Most Wanted back in the '90s."

McKinley was later recaptured, and remains in prison today, McNeil said.

Services for Levon Nelson will be today at 11 a.m. at First Baptist church in Bay St. Louis. Visitation will be in Waveland Cemetery.

allowed one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Waveland Cemetery.

## Beach -- War?

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sponsoring a meeting on Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. at the main Hancock County Library on Hwy. 90.

The flyer listed the two phone numbers, but not the identity of the organizers.

A call placed to one of the numbers listed, and asked the person who answered the reason for the meeting Saturday.

The person would not confirm his identity simply saying, "We're not talking to the newspaper," and hung up.

The second listing on the flyer was for Harry E. McCall of 108 S. Beach Boulevard, one of the residents who complained in an news story recently when county supervisors announced beachfront homeowners would have to remove obstacles that infringed on the county's 60-foot roadway.

Mrs. McCall answered the phone, and said the group would rather the press not attend. "But, I guess we can't keep you out," she said.

The Hancock Library System's Board of Trustees taxed its official policy regarding meeting held in the public library.

The policy allows local, not-for-profit groups to use the meeting rooms at the main library and the branch libraries when not in use for library activities.

It adds: "All meetings are free and open to the public."

District 1 Supervisor Lisa Coward did not know of the planned organizational meeting or why a new beachfront organization might be forming.

She said she planned to attend the meeting Saturday.

District 1 Supervisor Jim Ladner said he had seen the flyer but was not invited to the meeting. Ladner is battling a bout with pneumonia, and said he might not be able to attend Saturday.

But, he speculated the meeting's purpose was probably called by those who oppose the county's move to take back its beachfront right-of-way.



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The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has approved the closing of Area I "B" Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, effective Monday, Dec. 3, because the water level at the Pearl River gauge at Pearl River, La., exceeds shellfish growing waters management plan criteria. The area will remain closed until further notice.

Area I "B" Conditionally Approved Waters includes St. Joseph's or "St. Joe" Reef.

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## COMMUNITY

## Gibbing adds to camellia beauty

SOUTHERN GARDENING  
BY NORMAN WINTERMSU Horticulturist  
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When you see some camellias blooming earlier, larger and more colorful than others, you may be seeing the results of a horticultural technique known as gibbing.

As camellia shows start to pop up in malls and other public places, it becomes apparent that some experts know something that the basic gardener may not.

I studied about gibberellic acid back in college. It was in the chapters on growth hormones or growth regulators that made some classes like plant physiology much more interesting. Of course most of us had no idea we would actually get to put some of the things we learned into practice.

While we learned about gibberellic acid and how it affects plants, camellia lovers, particularly those who compete, were putting it into practice. Gibbing is the practice of applying the plant hormone gibberellic acid to increase the size of blooms. The larger the bush, the more buds that can be treated. Since gibbing is done mostly for shows, gardeners like to leave about 80 percent untreated.

A close examination of your camellia will reveal that most terminal, round flower buds have an adjacent smaller pointed bud that is vegetative. In other words, this bud will be producing a new set of leaves in the spring.

The camellia grower who wants to apply gibberellic acid pinches off the vegetative bud, leaving a small cup of basal bud scales.

After removing the vegetative bud, place one drop of gibberellic acid into the cup or one in the wound if a cup did not remain. Noticeable growth activity in the flower bud will start to occur within two weeks. Then in just five to six weeks, you will have a larger, more colorful bloom.

This will mean you are getting rid of a valuable set of leaves to make food for the camellia, hence the reason camellia lovers will only gib about 20 percent of a particular bush.

Not all varieties respond to gibbing, but most of the common Camellia japonica varieties do. It is not an exact science, when they will bloom, as temperature and humidity also affects this.

A friend in Brookhaven, Miss., who gibbs and competes

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## Second Saturday Artwalk

## Look for the 'Hot Spots'

The final Second Saturday Artwalk 2001 is Dec. 8.

"Old Town" shops and galleries will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Special activities will take place from 5 to 8 p.m., and will include live music, artists receptions and refreshments.

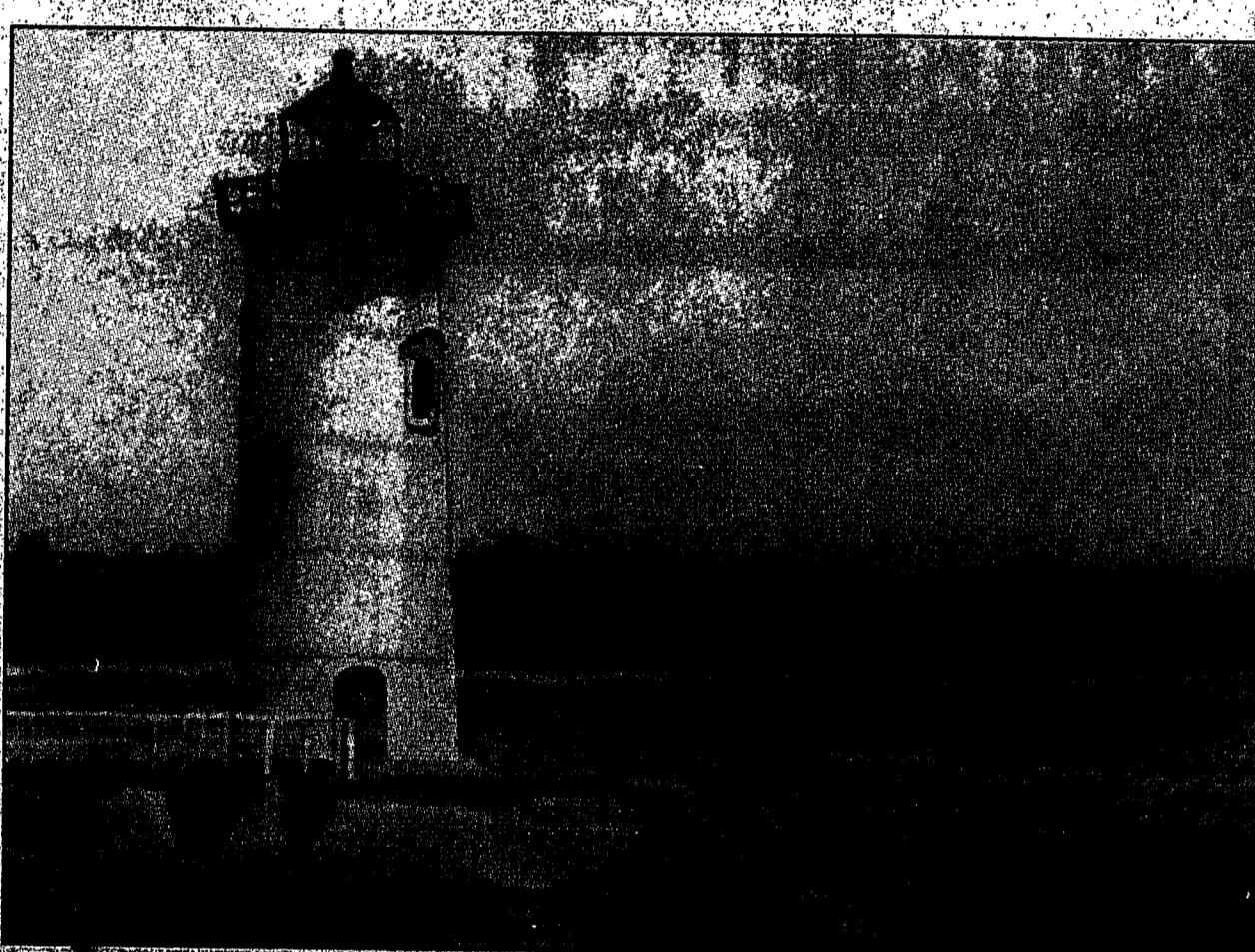
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Plymouth, New Hampshire lighthouse by artist Doris Cowan.

## Loft Studios displays 'Southern Charm' Saturday, through Jan.

**SPECIAL TO THE ECHO**

Louisiana artists Milda Spindler and Doris Cowan will be the featured artists at The Loft Studios for the Second Saturday Art Walk in Bay St. Louis on Saturday, December 8. The extensive joint exhibit, entitled "Southern Charm," features Cowan's watercolors and Spindler's etchings and wood prints.

Spindler, who has loved to draw since her childhood in Lithuania, specializes in printmaking, a long and difficult process of drawing an image on a metal plate, a block of wood or a piece of linoleum and then creating a limited number of original prints.

"So much of my work is inspired by the natural world around me," Spindler declares.

I keep up a small nature preserve in Hancock County," she says with pride. "I love the local flora and fauna that grow there. These flowers are often the models for many of my etchings and prints."

Belle Rose, Louisiana native, Doris Cowan also looks to the charm of nature in the South for subjects. I have been

painting southern scenery and flowers for over 20 years," Cowan exclaims, and I never tire of drawing the beauty around me." Cowan works in oils, acrylics and watercolors. Her exhibit at the Loft will feature several of her newer watercolor critters like frogs, butterflies, alligators and crawfish, flowers like magnolias, hibiscus and lilies.

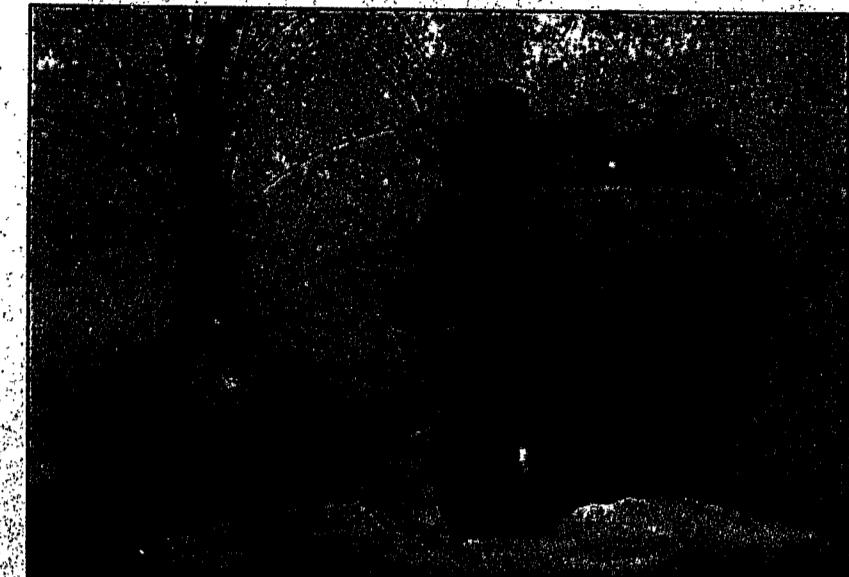
Cowan's art also is influ-

enced by her extensive travels in Europe, Mexico, Canada and all practically every state in the United States. A trip to Medjugore inspired her to create paintings of Jesus and Mary. Nova Scotia inspired lighthouses. Living in New Orleans inspired paintings of street musicians and Mardi Gras floats.

Both Cowan and Spindler work in relatively small sizes. The artists believe that the smaller sizes are more suitable for gifts or to decorate just the right spot in the home. Christmas shoppers will find art that is suitable for all ages and budgets.

The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception at

**LOFT-PAGE 5B**



A sample of work by potter Reagan Carney.

## Carney to display work at the Quarter Moon

**SPECIAL TO THE ECHO**

Regan Carney, popular Gulf Coast potter and sculptor will be showing a new body of work at Quarter Moon Gallery beginning December 8th. The collection of new vase and bot-

tle forms is titled "By the Vase Beguiled" - a quote by Walt Whitman that emphasizes the lyrical nature of the work.

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Portrait of Celestine Labat by Lori K. Gordon

## Lori K. Gordon featured at Serenity Gallery Dec. 8

**SPECIAL TO THE ECHO**

Featured at Serenity Gallery for the final Second Saturday of the year on Dec. 8 in Bay St. Louis is Lori K. Gordon's "Stories," a collection of mixed media work.

This new work incorporates a diverse selection of pieces, including paintings, furniture, decorative vessels, fabric collages and assemblages.

Articulating the theme of the show, Gordon explains

**SERENITY-PAGE 5B**

## It's hard to navigate through the 'Fishing Poles'

**T**here is a group of pilings a few hundred yards out in the Sound in front of our house. I see people are back out there fishing from a platform they made last year by boarding several pilings together.

I imagine it's a little warm sitting exposed like that, but I guess it's no different than an open boat. By the long periods they stay out there, they seem to be both enjoying themselves and having a little luck fishing.

I have always wondered how those pilings got there. I can see them from my office window as I type this, although as a result of Hurricane Elena in 1986 they are a little the worse for wear, leaning this way and that, and missing some of the pilings.

Ames, a great storyteller from old times in the Bay, has told me that several sets of pilings similar to this set were put in the waters around the area when he was a tad.

He said they were used as swimming and diving platforms. This may be true in this case, the pilings are located in water just over my head at low spring tide. If they had had a platform then, it would have been ideal for kids to swim and dive from.

Prior to the pounding by

When Gretel, my old Weimaraner, and I sailed together in my small Sunfish, we had our own private game of "threading the needles" through these pilings with the Sunfish.

The idea of threading each needle was simple: go between two of the rows of pilings without touching the pilings. It was a little harder to actually do this then it sounds and that was where the skill came in.

We would go a distance upwind of the pilings, preferably at as near a right angle to the rows as the wind allowed and then, catching that wind, shoot as fast as possible at the pilings.

At the last minute of our approach to the row to be threaded, I would throw over the tiller, yell to Gretel to get to the other side of the boat, and

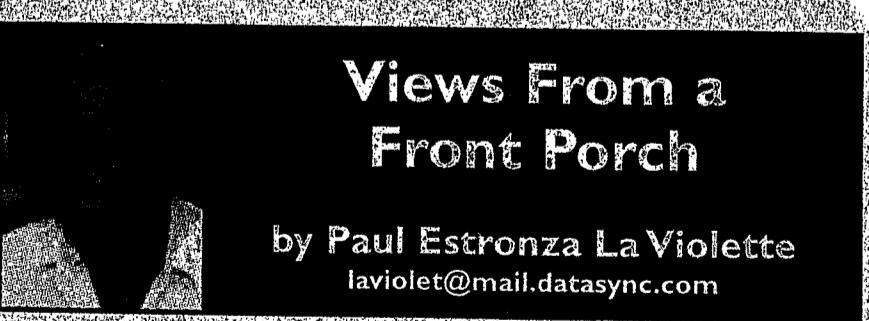
pull in the sail. Push tiller, move Gretel, pull sail. All of this took place in less time than it takes to tell. For a brief moment the mast would be jerked upright and in that brief moment we would be hurled between the rows of sheer momentum of the Sunfish.

The difficulty lay in the fact that whereas the boat would turn immediately, it still had considerable momentum in its original shoreward direction.

If we turned too close to the pilings, this momentum would cause us to hit the pilings broadside on the downwind side. Since we would be going fairly fast, this hit could be rather hard.

Or, if in trying to compensate for this sideways drift I started

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## Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estranza La Violette

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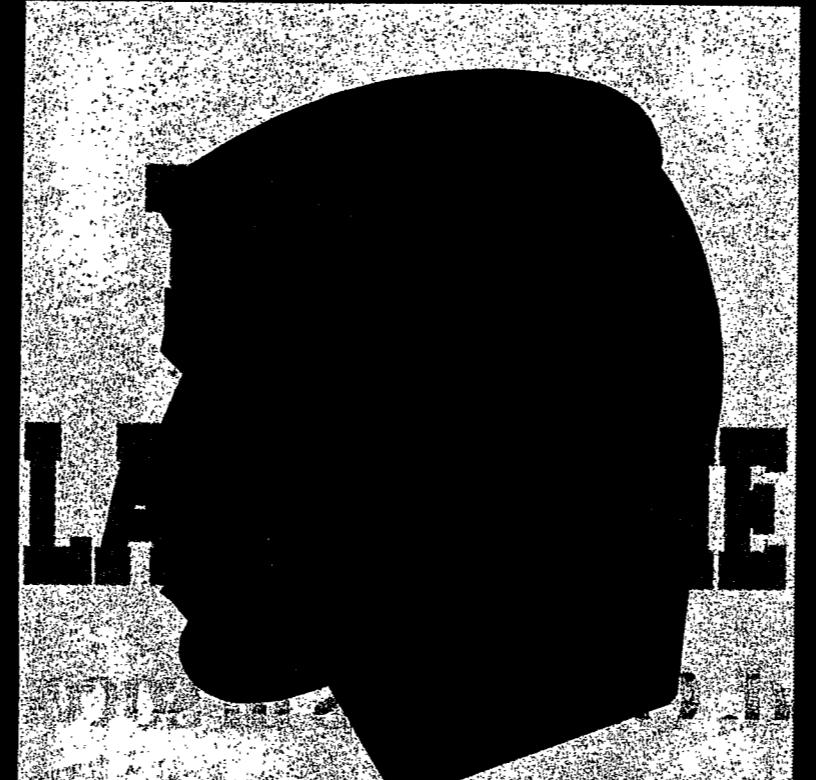
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GAME EIGHT: BROWNSVILLE AT WASHINGTON 12/16



## Views

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our turn too early, the mast would start to heel over as the sail caught the wind.

When this happened, the sails would rub against the sharp edges of the barnacle that encrusted the pilings. My sail had tears in it that indicated this happening more often than I wanted it to.

Altogether it was a trick that required extremely precise timing and a fairly strong wind at just the right angle. But when conditions were right, Gretel and I would start with the first row and then thread each succeeding needle. Each, that is, but the last. I will talk about that last needle in a moment.

If we did a whole "set" without touching any of the pilings, we would go back to the beach and up to the house and tell Stella and she would stop what she was doing and say "oh my" and give us homemade ice cream and a dog biscuit.

One time, Stella's cousin, Wanda, and her family came to visit from Ohio. As a good host, I took her cousin's husband out sailing with me, leaving Gretel behind.

Of course, I had to show him how to thread the needles.

Ronnie was a very pleasant person and, best of all, since he wasn't a sailor, he was easily impressed by my skill.

I, of course, took all his "wows" with poorly hidden pleasure. After all, Gretel never said anything when I did it with her and Stella's "oh my" never sounded quite as sincere as I thought it should.

"Did you ever go through that last set?" Ronnie asked, looking back at the group of pilings we had just threaded. We had pulled back to make another run and were a little way from the pilings. From where we were I couldn't see how really narrow the gap in the last set was or I would not have said what I did.

"Never tried it, but I don't see why not. If you're game, let's do it!" And we shot for the pilings.

I should admit that the reason I had been doing so well up till then was not so much my skill, as that a particularly strong wind was blowing at a unusually perfect angle to the pilings.

When we headed to the pilings on this run, we were moving at an extremely high rate of speed and at the ideal angle to thread.

"Now!" I shouted, pushing

the tiller out from me. Ronnie pulled in the sail and we turned perfectly and the momentum hurled us toward what I suddenly realized was an awfully narrow gap!

We hit. We hit hard. We hit very hard.

I was hurled completely out of the boat by the force of the impact, just barely missing the first piling in the row. I surfaced, gasping and saw Ronnie a little way off, also in the water and spitting out some of that water. Realizing he was all right, I turned and looked at the boat.

It was an amazing sight. It was stuck between the row of pilings, bow down, stern up, the mast quivering like a bowstring, the sail flapping against the pilings. The aft end of the hull was actually out of the water - you could almost see the centerboard.

Despite the quivering mast and flapping sail, the hull did not move, it was held hard in its vice of pilings, like a dart thrown imbedded in a target.

Ronnie looked at the boat and then at me, obviously impressed. "That was fantastic, Paul. But can't that sort of do some hurt?"

I also looked at the boat in complete astonishment, trying to figure how I was going to get it free,

"No," I said finally. "Not if you get off first like we did."

The boat had sprung its frame and was a much slower sailor afterward. Although Gretel and I continued to go out in it for many years after that, we never tried to go through that last set of pilings.

I guess after all this time, the people I see out there now are using the pilings for their best use: as fishing poles. I wish them luck.

Allow me a postscript. Since I wrote this in August, an early fall storm has come and torn the platform loose from the pilings and washed it intact up in front of our house.

The fishermen had made the planks to close together and the result was a perfect surface for the rising storm water to push free from the poles.

The beach crews in their constant effort to manicure our beaches hustled the wood away before the fishermen could salvage it and rebuild.

I hope they do anyway, and Stella and I will be seeing them out there next summer.

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The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced the reorganization of regional assignments for the Community Services Division.

The Community Services Division is changing from four identified regions to three regions. The three regions more evenly distribute workloads, caseloads, staffing patterns and geographical boundaries.

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## ALL HAIL THE QUEEN



Melinda K. Richard

## Richard named queen of N.O. Krewe of Iris

At the recent coronation ball in New Orleans by the Krewe of Iris, it was announced that Melinda K. Richard of Bay St. Louis would reign as queen over the 2002 season.

The gala ball and supper dance will be Jan. 18. Richard will lead the 29-float parade of more than 900 ladies Saturday, Feb. 9.

## Garden

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has a schedule that was given out from a local camellia society that shows the dates of camellia shows and when to gibb to be ready for each competition.

Gibberelic acid is not something you go buy at the local garden center, but many local camellia societies sell it to their members, and it is also available from the America Camellia Society in Fort Valley, Ga. Their phone number is (478) 967-2358. If you are thinking that this sounds fun except you have no camellias in the landscape, then it is time to get to the garden center instead of the crowded mall. Selections of camellias, which may be considered the "Queen of Flowering Shrubs," are greatest right now. It is also one of the best times to plant so that

roots can get established during these cool days and nights.

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Dec. 2, will be open house at the Bay St. Louis Public Library, 1-4 p.m. to view all the free exhibits. A program was presented by Elaine. Topic was "Emily's Vinegar Diet".

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-in is 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight and maintaining that weight loss is welcome. For information, call Charlotte at 467-5790.

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## Moon -- Carney exhibit

ence with clay and features both wheel-thrown and hand-built "creations. The works range in size from miniature to large-scale sculptural designs, utilizing a lush variety of glazes. Two reasons inspired Carney to create this current body of work. The first is her love for flower arranging.

"Even in the past," Carney explains, "When I've been financially stressed, I still managed to buy a few stems of fresh flowers. I'd put them in one of my vases and instantly, my surroundings would seem richer, more luxurious."

"Flower arranging," she continues, "especially in Asia, has been refined into an art form. They use it to evoke tranquility and to create meditative spaces. During the years I lived in Los Angeles, I became influenced by those concepts."

"A good vase balances with the arrangement," she says. "It

shouldn't overpower the flowers, but it needs to be strong enough to hold its own with natural colors and organic materials. Ideally, a vase should work hand in hand with the arrangement."

Her second reason for being drawn to the vase form is her personal longing for simplicity and serenity in light of this year's tragic events.

"To me," Carney says, "this work is a direct response to the ugliness and fear that have dominated the world this fall. I wanted to make things that drew on the classical and had a sense of serenity. These vases are simple and elegant. They're comfort pieces, made to hold beauty, over and over and over again. I found working with them to be very grounding and relaxing."

Carney used a white clay body for most vases in the show. She turns over a lovely

sage-colored vase to reveal the unglazed clay on the bottom. "This particular clay has a fine, dense body which is very similar to porcelain. It actually accentuates the clarity of the glaze colors."

"Through the years," she says, "I've developed a pallet of really luscious glazes. Many of them have a matte texture. Since these aren't very reflective, they accentuate the form of the piece."

Carney rights the vase in her hand and gently sets it on a shelf in her studio. "In fact, these pieces actually feel warmer to the touch than one that has a high gloss glaze. But the glossy glazes have the advantage of creating a tremendous depth on the work. I've used both types, depending on what the form called for."

Carney gestures to an amazing array of vases lined up on the shelf. They vary wildly in

size, shape and color, but it's easy to see that they've been created by the same artist. "These are all references to a very classical form; some of them are even created with techniques that have been used for thousands of years. I've found that to be very comforting. And in this day and age, when you find something that offers comfort, you've got to go with it."

The opening reception will take place during the 2nd Saturday Artwalk in Bay St. Louis on December 8th from 5-8pm. Carney will be on hand to discuss designs, techniques and individual instruction. Live music, refreshments served. The show will continue through January 7th. Quarter Moon Gallery is located at 146 Main Street in the Bay, next to the Courthouse. For further information, contact gallery manager Pat Saik at (228) 467-7279.

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## Serenity -- Lori K. Gordon

that human beings are intrinsic storytellers. She says, "We make up stories to explore, explain and express both ourselves and the universe, and we live those stories in our everyday existence."

Sometimes, she adds, "Our stories remain in the realm of make-believe, but others, as we incorporate them into our consciousness, take on the aura of truth."

She goes on to say, "Some of our stories are cross-cultural, traveling across time and space and manifesting themselves in remarkably similar ways in very different cultures. Other stories do not fare so well in the

translation, and this inability to understand each others' stories is the cause of immeasurable suffering in the world."

She adds that all humans share one aspect of their stories however, and that is the need to express them. Language is one powerful source of communication, and the visual arts are another."

Gordon believes that some individuals stand out as master storytellers, inviting us into their worlds and helping us to see our own worlds in a different light. She has showcased several of these storytellers in her show, including a series of six portraits of Celestine Labat

of Bay St. Louis who recently celebrated her 103rd birthday.

Lori Gordon is a 43-year-old resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. A native of the Northern Plains, she holds a bachelor's degree from Black Hills State University and a master's degree from Arizona State University. Her portfolio includes work in graphite, colored pencil, watercolor, and acrylics, as well as multimedia work. Gordon's work is strongly influenced by her appreciation of the diversity of human cultures, and her conviction of the need to celebrate the differences between ourselves and others.

Her world view is expressed in the work she has exhibited in various locations in Arizona, the Dakotas and Mississippi. She is currently represented by the Dakota Rose Art Gallery in Rapid City, S.D.; Full Circle Gallery in Sioux Falls, S.D. and Serenity Gallery.

The opening reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 8 at Serenity Gallery, 126 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, and the show will run through Dec. 31.

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## Hot -- Action

rience life" through Creech's photography," said Richie Zitzmann, chairman.

**BAY MARDI GRAS** at The Bungalow, 136 Main St., 228-466-2651, will be showing the Mardi Gras masque by artist Judith McCall Anton.

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She displays her work at

numerous art festivals around the South and continually comes up with new and innovative ideas in her work -- they are also environmentally friendly.

Herberger will be at the gallery from 3 to 8 p.m. demonstrating her technique.

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Loft Studios from 5pm to 8pm during the Second Saturday Artwalk December 8.

Calendar listing (run until January 2, 2002):

Art exhibition: "Southern Charm"

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Cowan; Etchings and wood block prints by Milda Spindler. Opening reception: December 8, 2001, 5 to 8 p.m. Where: Loft Studios, 144 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Phone: 228. 467.7993

Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Exhibition dates: December 8, 2001 to January 7, 2002.

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Mississippi motorists are being encouraged by the Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning to drive with their vehicle headlights on throughout the day on Thurs., Dec. 13 to call attention to the drunk driving problem and to remember victims of those who

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The first "Swapping & Shopping" Arts and Crafts Show to be held at the new Moss Point Bingo Hall at 4200 Denny Street, begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8.

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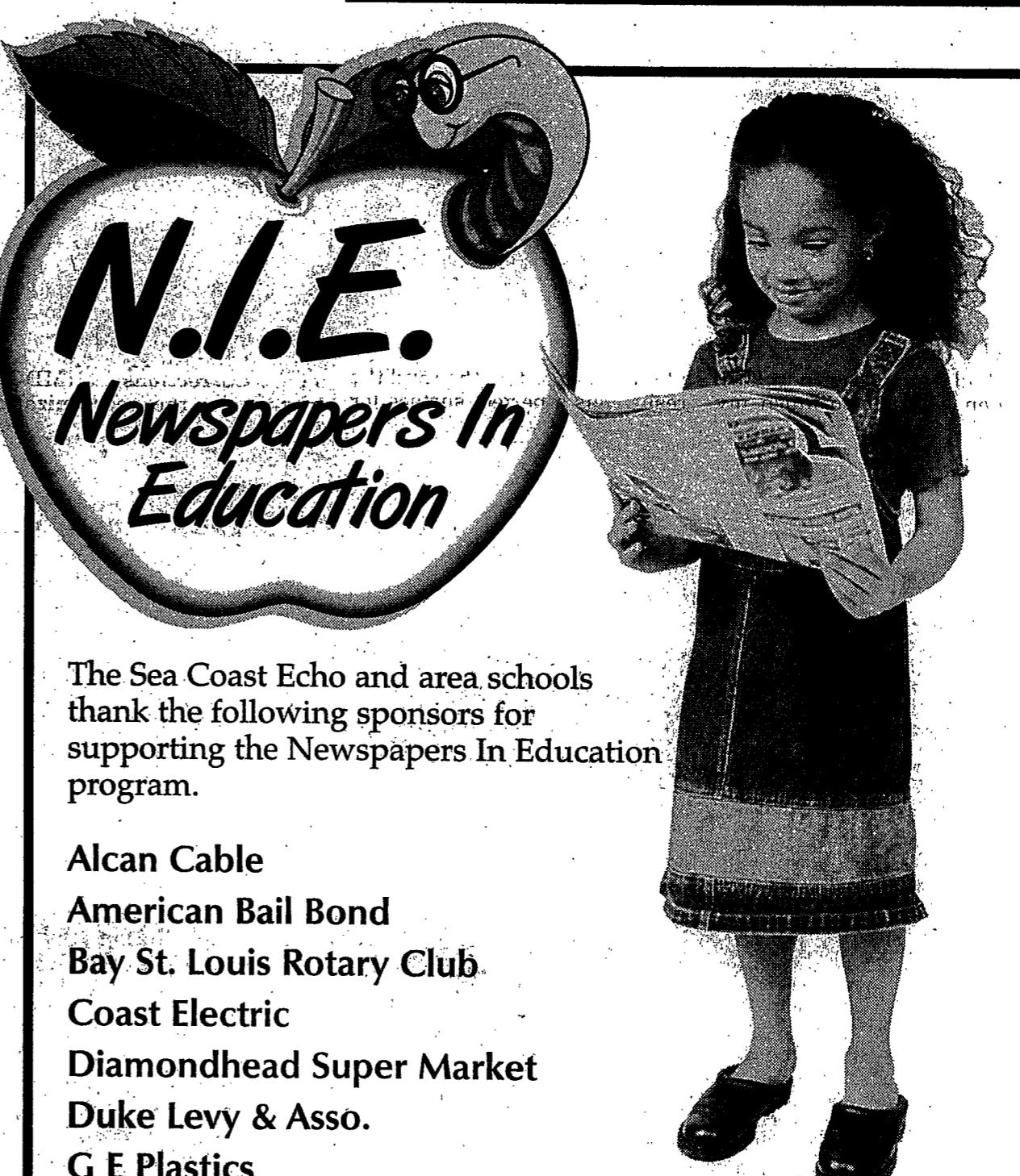
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The Beach Garden Society will decorate Beauvoir House in true Victorian style. The Victorian tree in the back parlor will be adorned with handmade ornaments created by the Margaret Hayes Hayes Chapter 520. Children of the Confederacy.

Now this year will be a scene depicting the Jefferson Davis Soldiers Home in the Confederate Museum. During the Soldiers Home period, the wives and widows of the Confederate soldiers would make ornaments for their Christmas tree. Area school children make the ornaments for the Confederate Heritage Tree.

"We will decorate the tree in the lobby of the Presidential Library much as it may have been before and during the War Between the States. The

Bessie Hunt Dantzler Chapter 14 created the decorations. Children of the Confederacy," said spokesperson Robin Belesky.

Jolly Old St. Nick will be on hand to listen to the children's (and grown-ups') Christmas wishes. There will also be a special workshop in which "children of all ages" may participate in making Victorian-style crafts and ornaments.

Beauvoir Candlelight Christmas is open to the public. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the first tour beginning at 5:45 p.m. and the last tour at 8 p.m. each night.

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## 96 Wanted To Buy

WE BUY OLD WATCHES, WRIST, & pocket, rings, gold, estate pieces, must. cal. \$500. Bayou Jewelers, 466-0425.

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**50cc Mini-Rex ATV  
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12/6, 12/13, 12/20/2001

## 143 Real Estate Services

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1 & 2 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC, CENTRAL heat/air, carpet, stove, refrigerator, water, included. Starting at \$325/month, plus deposit. Lease required. 463-0043, 467-3935.

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2BR - '242.50\*

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156 Lots/Acreage

DEER PARK, 1 ACRE FOR MOBILE Home on paved road with community water. \$625/down, \$145/per month for 15 years at 12% interest. Magnolia State Properties, 1-800-388-3138.

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OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE .900 SQ. FT. \$40. Hwy 90, Waveland. \$575 per month. Call Herb 467-0244, Caldwell Banker Alfonso Realty.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IDA V. ROPPOLO, PLAINTIFF V. CLAUDE LANDLESS HEBERT, DEFENDANT

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## Public Notices

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## SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
On the 15th day of June, 2000, William R. Arnold, Jr. and Deanna L. Garcia Arnold, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Adams, Edens & Akers, P.A., Trustee for Delta Funding Corporation, Beneficiary, to secure indebtedness, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 594 at Page 652, and  
WHEREAS, on the 15th day of June, 2000, Delta Funding Corporation, as said Deed of Trust, unto Adams, Edens & Akers, P.A., Trustee for Delta Funding Corporation, Beneficiary, to secure indebtedness, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 594 at Page 652, and  
WHEREAS, on the 26th day of October, 2001, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk at Page 1, and  
WHEREAS, I, the holder of said Deed in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to do, on the 21st day of December, 2001, to sell, at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, to-wit:  
LOTS 22, 23, AND 24, BLOCK 2, TIPPINS SUBDIVISION, THIRD WARD, TOWN OF WAVELAND, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS: BY RECORDING OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 14th day of November, 2001.

JOHN C. MORRIS, III  
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE  
1820 AVENUE OF AMERICA  
MONROE, LA 71201  
318-330-9202  
11/29/12/06; 12/13/2001

## SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
WHEREAS, on November 17, 1998, Ronald J. Burch executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Charles M. Jackson, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of North American Mortgage Company, to secure an indebtedness, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 533, Page 487 and  
WHEREAS, on April 17, 2000, North American Mortgage Company, as Trustee, substituted and assigned to First Union National Bank of Delaware, successor in interest to First Union Home Equity Bank, N.A., by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 588 at page 145; and  
WHEREAS, I, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having sold Deed of Trust substituted and appointed James G. Whitton, Trustee in said Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 588 at page 145; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to do, on the 21st day of December, 2001, to sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, to-wit:  
Lots 20 and 11, Block 210, Bayside Park Subdivision, Unit 3 in Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the map plotted on file and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. The Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on the 15th day of November, 2001.

LEONARD G. WHITTON  
Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, LLC  
3300 N.E. Expressway, Suite 8  
Arlington, VA 22207  
(703) 234-9161  
12/6, 12/13, 12/20/01

## SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE  
Whereas, on November 5, 1999, a Deed of Trust was executed by Janice Gillum, as Trustee by assignment recorded in Book 597, Page 195 in the office of the said Clerk of the Chancery Court, and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to do, on the 21st day of December, 2001, to sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, to-wit:  
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WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 4th day of December, 2001.

James G. Whitton  
Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, LLC  
3300 N.E. Expressway, Suite 8  
Arlington, VA 22207  
(703) 234-9161  
12/6, 12/13, 12/20/01

## SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE  
Whereas, on March 5, 1998, Ronald B. Cooley and Leslie S. Cooley executed a Deed of Trust to Kimberly Ann Nease, Trustee, to secure an indebtedness therein mentioned to Emile Vial and Patricia C. Vial, herein mentioned to Emile Vial and Patricia C. Vial, respectively, as Trustee, by assignment recorded in Book 506, page 435 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi; and  
WHEREAS, Emile Vial and Patricia C. Vial substituted S. Trent Favre in the place and stead of said Kimberly Ann Nease, Trustee, to secure an indebtedness therein mentioned to S. Trent Favre, Trustee, by assignment recorded in Book 506, page 435 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to do, on the 21st day of December, 2001, to sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, to-wit:  
Lots 9 and 10, as per plat eleven lots in the Northwest part of Lot 2 of the Colby Subdivision in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 10, Range 14 West as per the plat recorded in Book 27, page 5 of the Deed of Record of Hancock County, Mississippi.  
Other Interested Parties: Franklin Collection Services  
I will sell and convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS my signature this the 6 day of November, 2001.

ARNOLD M. WEISS, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE  
208 Adams Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38103  
(901) 628-8236  
11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/01

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
Whereas, on August 24, 1998, Howard G. Currie, Jr. executed a Deed of Trust unto M. D. Tate, II, Trustee, for the use and benefit of BankPlus, a Mississippi banking corporation, as Trustee, by written instrument dated November 16, 2000, and recorded in Land Trust Deed Book 664, Pages 749-750, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and  
WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust authorized the appointment and substitution of another Trustee in the event the Trustee named in said Deed of Trust and BankPlus, a Mississippi banking corporation, pursuant to said Deed of Trust, substituted G. Gerald Crutfield as Trustee, by written instrument dated November 16, 2000, and recorded as Trustee, therefore, by written instrument dated November 16, 2001, and duly recorded in Land Trust Deed Book 664, Pages 749-750, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set out in the Deed of Trust, and said Trustee having been requested and appointed to execute the trust and to act in accordance with the Deed of Trust and the laws of the State of Mississippi, the dates for publication of this Substituted Trustee's Notice of Sale in the Sea Coast Echo, newspaper published in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, having been set at the following, to-wit: the 6th day of December, 2001; the 13th day of December, 2001; the 20th day of December, 2001; and the 27th day of December, 2001; I will, on the 28th day of December, 2001, offer to sell, at the front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:  
Lot 25, Square 613, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, Unit 6, Addition No. 3, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the plan of subdivision recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I leave title to the above described property to be good, however, I will convey only such title as is vested in me as such Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS my signature upon this, the 6th day of December, A.D. 2001.

G. GERALD CRUTFIELD  
Substituted Trustee  
12/06, 12/13, 12/20/01

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE  
Whereas, on the 18th day of August, 1998, Devorah Rose, a married woman, and husband, Michael H. Hines and Sidney A. Sandzo, beneficiary, dated 4/28/97, recorded in Book 480, page 447, Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust of Land of Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the plan of subdivision recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and  
WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of October, 2001, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 692 at Page 264; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to do, on the 21st day of December, 2001, to sell, at the front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:  
Lot 1, Block 2, Phase 1, Diamondhead, Amended Plat of Unit 2, a subdivision of Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the plan of subdivision recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and  
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS my signature this the 14th day of November, 2001.

JOHN C. MORRIS, III  
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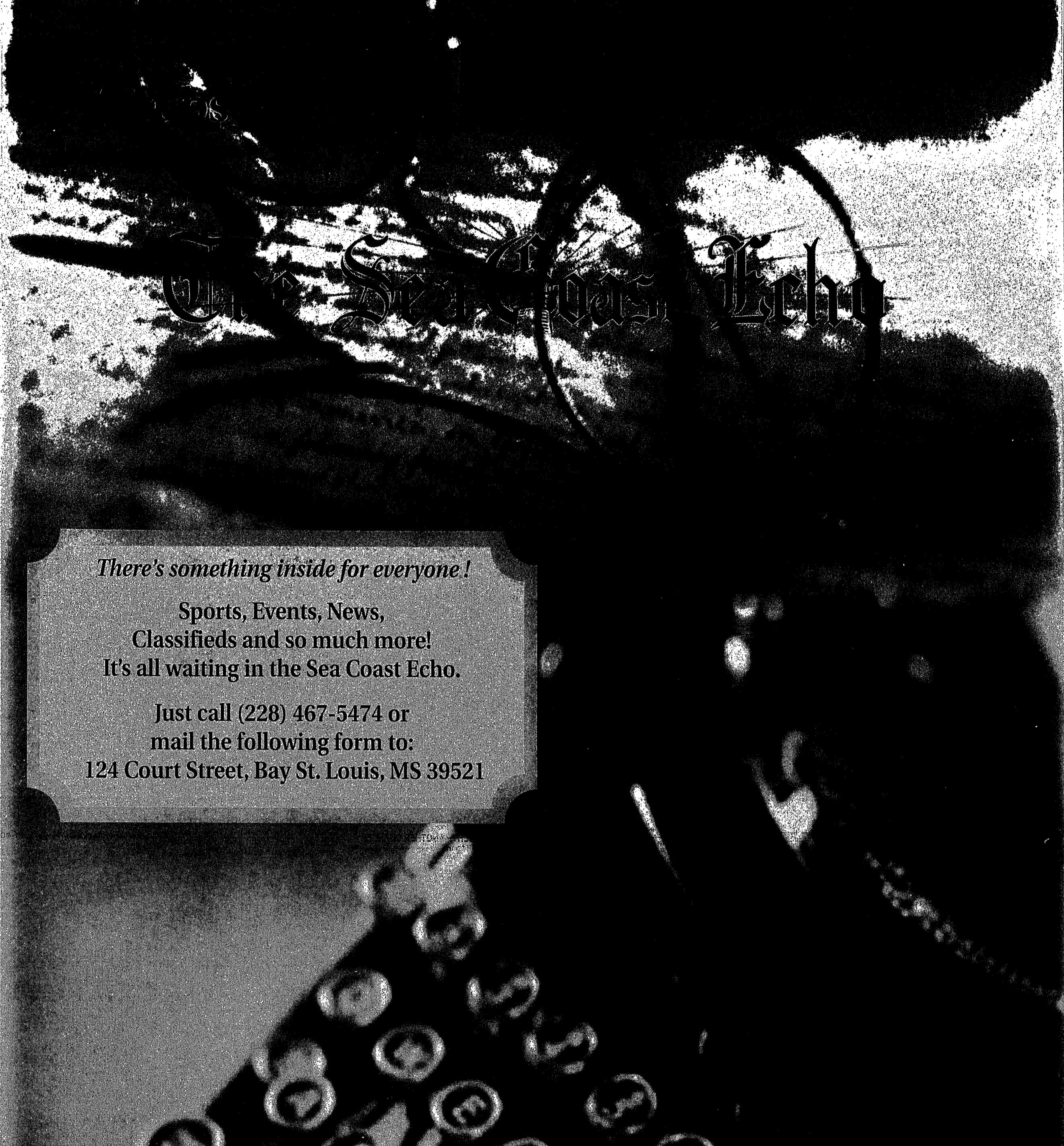
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